

***Examiner's Amendments***

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***Telephonic Interview Summary***

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Shruti S. Cosatlies on August 04, 2011.

***Amendments to the Claims***

In claim 1, step (ii) line 5, insert --produced in step (i)-- after liquor.

In claim 1, step (ii) line 5, insert --and recovering the fermentation product from said liquor-- after 50 °C.

In claim 1 step (iii) line 6, insert --obtained in step (ii)-- after liquor.

In claim 1 step (iii) line 6, insert --to separate the suspended solids and remove the suspended solids from the liquor-- after stage.

In claim 1, line 13, insert --, the anionic polymer is-- after polymers.

In claim 1, line 14, delete "which" and insert --and said-- in its place.

In claim 2, line 1, delete "the fermentation liquor" and insert --said fermentation liquor in step (ii)-- in its place.

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In claim 21, line 1, delete "the fermentation liquor" and insert --said fermentation liquor in step (ii)-- in its place.

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